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1. AT FAREWELL LUNCHEON GIVEN JULY 17 FOR SOVIET DEPUTY PERM REP ISSRAELIAN BY AMBASSADOR BENNETT, WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE AND SOVIET POLCOUNS OVINNIKOV PRESENT, CONVERSATION WAS ALONG SAME LINES AS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY POPPER JULY 13 (REFTEL). IN ATMOSPHERE OF FRANK EXCHANGE WHICH HAS DRAWN UP BETWEEN US AND SOVIET MISSIONS IN NEW YORK, CONVERSATIONS OPEN AND CORDIAL BUT WITH NO HOLDS BARRED.

2. ISSRAELIAN STRESSED FAMILIAR POINTS WITH RESPECT WDC NON USE OF FORCE AND OTHER DISARMAMENT ITEMS AND DID NOT SEEK DISGUISE SOVIET INTENT PLAY TO NONALIGNED EMOTIONS. HE GOT FAMILIAR ANSWERS FROM US SIDE AND TALK WAS ON AN ALMOST EXACT SAME TRACK AS IN WASHINGTON.

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3. ISSRAELYAN EXPOUNDED AT SOME LENGTH ON HIS VIEW THAT US INTEREST IN UN HAD FALLEN OFF MARKEDLY DURING HIS FIVE YEARS IN NEW YORK AND REPEATEDLY ARGUED THAT US NO LONGER BELIEVES IN POLITICAL SIDE OF UN. HE SAID HE DID NOT DENY IMPORTANCE OF SUCH ISSUES AS ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION, ETC., BUT WHEREAS US HAD FORMERLY MADE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF UN ACTIVITY KEYSTONE OF ITS POLICY, US NOW SEEMED NO LONGER TO BE WILLING TO USE UN IN POLITICAL FIELDS.

4. BENNETT AND SCHAUFLE COUNTERED SOVIET ARGUMENT BY COMMENTING THAT EXPERIENCE HAD TAUGHT US THAT UN INHERENTLY UNABLE TO SOLVE CERTAIN POLITICAL QUESTIONS BUT WE SOUGHT TO INVOLVE UN IN EVERY AREA IN WHICH WE THOUGHT IT COULD MAKE PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND SECURITY. INDIA-PAKISTAN PROBLEM OF 1971 TO PRESENT WAS A GOOD CASE OF A POLITICAL ISSUE ON WHICH THERE WAS DIVISION IN THE MEMBERSHIP WHICH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR UN TO ACT. TERRORISM WAS ANOTHER FIRST-RANK POLITICAL ISSUE ON WHICH UN FOUND ITSELF SHACKLED. HERE BENNETT REMINDED ISSRAELYAN OF UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE WE HAD HAD AT LAST UNGA WHEN WE HAD AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THEM ACCEPTED SOVIET POSITION WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE PROGRESS POSSIBLE AND SOVIETS HAD ABANDONED THAT POSITION IN PLAY FOR NONALIGNED SYMPATHY WITHOUT A WORD TO US OF THEIR CHANGE. IT WAS NOT ENOUGH WE SUGGESTED, MERELY TO INVOKE SPIRIT OF THIS AND THAT SUMMIT IN CONVERSATION; WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS PRACTICAL COOPERATION AND GENUINE CONSULTATION TO FIND WAYS AROUND OBSTACLES. BENNETT ALSO COMMENTED, WITH RESPECT TO PEACEKEEPING, THAT THERE SEEMED GENERAL AGREEMENT IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE THAT CYPRUS OPERATION IS A SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL OPERATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE BUT REGRETTABLY POWERS SUCH AS SOVIET UNION, AND FRANCE MAKE NO CONTRIBUTION TO IT. USUALLY VOLUBLE, ISSRAELYAN MADE NO EFFORT TO COUNTER OR COMMENT ON THESE THREE ISSUES.

5. LUNCHEON HAD WARM PERSONAL TONE AND THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON DESIRABILITY OF CLOSER CONSULTATION AND PRACTICAL COOPERATION, THEMES WHICH ISSRAELYAN REITERATED AGAIN AND

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